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SUBJ: US-EC NINE MEETING: DANISH AND US OPENING REMARKS

1. THERE FOLLOW TEXTS OF OPENING REMARKS NOVEMBER 14 BY EC NINE
CHAIRMAN OLDENBURG (DENMARK) AND ASISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL AT
US-EC NINE MEETING ON TEXT OF PROPOSAL US-EC NINE DECLARATION.

2. OLDENBURG'S STATEMENT:

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IN THE NAME OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE, I WOULD LIKE TO CORDIALLY
WELCOME OUR AMERICAN INTERLOCUTORS TO THIS SECOND MEETING AT COPEN-
HAGEN DEVOTED TO THE ELABORATION OF A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES
BETWEEN THE US AND THE EC AND ITS MEMBER STATES.

FOR OUR PART, WE ARE PLEASED THAT THIS MEETING COULD TAKE PLACE AS FORESEEN AT OUR LAST MEETING.
THE AIM OF OUR MEETING IS TWO-FOLD:
FIRST..TO DISCUSS THE EUROPEAN COUNTER-PROPOSALS TO THE AMERICAN AMENDMENTS CONCERNING THE ECONOMIC SECTIONS:
THESE COUNTER-PROPOSALS ARE FOUND IN THE DOCUMENT BEFORE YOU. CP(73)78P. BUT THEY HAVE ALREADY BEEN COMMUNICATED TO YOU SEVERAL DAYS AGO BY THE DANISH AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON.
SECOND, IT IS NECESSARY TO POINT UP OUR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE POLITICAL PART OF THE DRAFT DECLARATION. HERE AT OUR LAST MEETING ON 18-19 OCTOBER WE MADE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS.

WITH RESPECT TO THE QUESTION OF WHICH OF THESE TWO TEXTS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED FIRST, I LEAVE THAT DECISION TO YOU, MR. STOESSEL. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT WE FIND OURSELVES IN THE ECONOMIC SECTION WITH A CERTAIN NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN DISCUSSED BY US HERE, IT WOULD BE PERHAPS OPPORTUNE TO DISCUSS THAT SECTION FIRST.
BUT, AS I SAID, I LEAVE TO YOU THE CHOICE.
WE HAVE CAREFULLY STUDIED THE AMENDMENTS YOU HAVE PRESENTED US ON THE BASIS OF OUR ORIGINAL TEXT. IN OUR LAST MEETING WE HAVE ALREADY GIVEN YOU OUR FIRST REACTIONS, WHILE YOU GAVE US A NUMBER OF USEFUL CLARIFICATIONS ABOUT THE REASONS WHY THESE AMENDMENTS WERE PUT FORWARD. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE RESULTS OF THAT FIRST MEETING WE HAVE DRAFTED NEW TEXTS FOR A NUMBER OF PARAGRAPHS WHICH ARE NOW BEFORE YOU.

IN DRAFTING THESE TEXTS WE HAVE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE AMENDMENTS YOU PROPOSED AS FAR AS POSSIBLE. A NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS WE COULD NOT ACCEPT FOR DIRT VARIOUS REASONS. IF YOU WANT SO WE CAN EXPLAIN THEM WHEN WE GO THROUGH THE TEXTS MORE IN DETAIL. OTHER AMENDMENTS CONTAINED IN OUR VIEW USEFUL IDEAS, BUT WE FOUND SOMETIMES THE LANGUAGE VAGUE AND DIFFICULT TO INTERPRET. IN THESE CASES WE PRESENTED OTHER LANGUAGE IN WHICH WE TRIED TO FORMULATE SIMILAR IDEAS, BUT MORE REALISTIC EVEN IF THIS MEANT THAT WE WERE LESS AMBITIOUS. OF
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COURSE YOU WILL FIND REFLECTED IN THE TEXT THE GENERAL IDEAS WE HAVE ON THE CHARACTER OF THE DECLARATION AND THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES WHICH IT INCLUDES.

FURTHERMORE IN THIS DRAFTING-EXERCISE WE HAVE FOLLOWED TWO IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES WHICH I MIGHT RECALL:

- 1) WE SHOULD NOT TRY IN DRAFTING THIS DECLARATION TO SOLVE PROBLEMS OR DIFFERENCES OF OPINION BETWEEN US AND WHICH HAVE REMAINED OPEN IN OTHER DISCUSSIONS EITHER BILATERAL OR IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.
- 2) WE SHOULD NOT INTERVENE HERE IN CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS WHICH ARE UNDER WAY ELSEWHERE AND TRY EITHER TO PREJUDGE THEIR RESULTS OR MODIFY THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS. END TEXT.

3. STOESSEL'S STATEMENT:

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WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AGAIN WITH THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EC COMMISSION. ONCE AGAIN, WE ARE INDEBTED TO OUR DANISH HOSTS FOR THEIR ARRANGEMENTS. AT THE OUTSET, I WOULD WISH TO STRESS OUR DEEP CONCERN OVER THE PRESS LEAK IN THE NEW YORK TIMES OF THE TEXT OF THE US-EC DECLARATION WHICH WE PROVIDED TO YOU SEPTEMBER 29. IT IS INDEED UNFORTUNATE THAT OUR PRIVILEGED DISCUSSIONS HAVE BECOME A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD, AND PARTICULARLY UNFORTUNATE IN THIS INSTANCE BECAUSE THE PUBLISHED TEXT AND THE ACCOMPANYING NEWS STORY DO NOT CONVEY ANY SENSE OF THE PROGRESS WHICH WE BELIEVE HAS BEEN MADE IN OUR DISCUSSIONS. THE TEXT WHICH APPEARED, OF COURSE #, HAS BEEN OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS, SINCE OUR EXCHANGES ON SEPTEMBER 29 AND OCTOBER 18

AND 19 HAD CARRIED OUR DIALOGUE BEYOND THE POSITIONS OF EITHER THE NINE OR THE US REFLECTED IN THE SEPTEMBER 29 DRAFT.

I WOULD URGE THAT WE IMPRESS UPON ALL WHO HAVE ACCESS TO THE DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THIS EXERCISE THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF OUR TALKS, AND THE NEED TO PRESERVE THIS CONFIDENTIALITY. IT IS IN NONE OF OUR INTERESTS FOR THESE TEXTS TO BE PUBLISHED FOR THEY THEN TEND TO BE SEEN BY CLOSE OBSERVERS AS SCORE CARDS, WHICH UNNECESSARILY COMPLICATE OUR TASK.

CONCERNING OUR EFFORTS TODAY, WE APPRECIATED YOUR MAKING AVAILABLE TO US LAST FRIDAY YOUR PROPOSED REVISED TEXTS OF THE ECONOMIC PARAS. THE DISCUSSION OF PARAS 1 TO 17 ON OCTOBER 18 AND 19 HELPFULLY

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CLARIFIED FOR US YOUR APPROACH TO ISSUES REFLECTED IN THOSE PARAS, AND PROVIDED A BASIS FOR OUR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE APPROACH WE MIGHT TAKE TO THEM.

WE CONTINUE TO ATTACH CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO THE CONCEPT OF ENHANCING CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION, AND BELIEVE, AS WELL, THAT WE SHOULD STRIVE FOR A STRENGTHENED REFERENCE IN THE OPERATIVE PORTION OF THE TEXT TO THE NUMEROUS INTERESTS AND PURPOSES THAT WE SHARE.

SPECIFICALLY, WE HAVE AMENDMENTS TO OFFER TO PARA 9 AND WOULD SUGGEST A NEW PARA TO FOLLOW THE PRESENT PARA 10 IN THE EC TEXT OF OCTOBER 18.

AS A MATTER OF PROCEDURE, I AGREE WITH YOU, AND I WOULD SUGGEST, MR CHAIRMAN, THAT WE POSTPONE OUR DISCUSSION OF PARAS 1 TO 17, AND FOCUS OUR INITIAL ATTENTION ON THE ECONOMIC PARAS, WHICH WE HAVE NOT REALLY DISCUSSED IN DETAIL. REGARDING THE REVISED ECONOMIC PARAS WHICH WE RECEIVED LAST FRIDAY,

I WOULD LIKE TO LIMIT MY COMMENTS AT THIS STAGE TO TWO GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.

FIRST, WE REGRET THAT IT APPARENTLY HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE FOR THE NINE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT MORE OF OUR SUGGESTED REVISIONS, AS REFLECTED IN THE AMENDED DRAFT WE PROVIDED TO YOU ON SEPTEMBER 29. SPECIFICALLY, WE ARE DISAPPOINTED THAT YOU HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO AGREE

WITH OUR FORMULATION COVERING THE CONCEPT OF ADVANCE CONSULTATIONS, WHICH WE HAD SOUGHT TO INCLUDE IN PARA 22, AND WERE UNABLE TO SUGGEST A COMPROMISE FORMULATION ENCOMPASSING THIS CONCEPT IN A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE WAY.

SECOND, WITH REGARD TO TRADE, MONETARY AND INVESTMENT ISSUES, THE FORMULATIONS COVERING THESE POINTS CONTINUE TO GIVE US DIFFICULTY BECAUSE, IN OUR VIEW, THEY DO NOT REFLECT, IN AN AS BALANCED A WAY AS NECESSARY, THE DEGREE OF AGREEMENT WHICH HAS BEEN REACHED ON THESE MATTERS IN OTHER FORA. WE ASSUME THAT ALL HERE AGREE THAT WE SHOULD NOT USE THIS FORUM TO SEEK ADVANTAGE FOR POSITIONS WE ARE PRESSING IN OTHER FORA.

AGAIN AS A PROCEDURAL MATTER, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT WE MIGHT DEAL WITH THESE TWO MAIN ISSUES IN THE CONTEXT OF A SERIATIM DISCUSSION OF EACH OF THE ECONOMIC PARAS, BASING OUR DISCUSSION UPON THE
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TEXT YOU PROVIDED TO US ON NOVEMBER 9. WE WILL BE PREPARED TO SUGGEST A NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS TO THESE PARAS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. IN CONCLUSION, MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD NOTE THAT, FOR OUR PART, WE CONTINUE TO ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO PROCEEDING EXPEDITIOUSLY WITH THE DRAFTING OF THE US-EC DECLARATION. WE DO NOT EXPECT THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO REACH FULL AGREEMENT ON A TEXT AT THIS TIME. BUT WE HOPE THAT THERE WILL BE MEASURABLE PROGRESS. FOR OURSELVES, WE CAN AGREE TODAY ONLY AD REFERENDUM TO THE FORMULATIONS THAT EMERGE, SINCE THE DOCUMENT THAT RESULTS FROM OUR DISCUSSION WILL NEED TO BE CONSIDERED IN WASHINGTON IN ITS TOTALITY AND ALSO IN RELATION TO THE STATUS OF THE PARALLEL DOCUMENT BEING PREPARED IN NATO.

I ASSUME THAT THIS ALSO WILL BE THE SITUATION FOR YOU AS WELL. WHAT WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE ABOVE ALL IS A SIGNIFICANT NARROWING OF OUR DIFFERENCES LOOKING TOWARD FURTHER DISCUSSION ONCE YOU AND WE HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT UPON THE RESULTS OF OUR EFFORTS HERE. END TEXT
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